

The Maryland Correctional Institution for Women—Jessup was originally established by Chapter 71, Acts of 1941, as the Women's Prison of the State of Maryland. By Chapter 520, Acts of 1945, it received the name of the Maryland State Reformatory for Women. On July 1, 1962, its name was changed to Maryland Institution for Women. It adopted its present name on July 1, 1964.

Prior to the erection of this institution, female prisoners were lodged in a section of the Maryland House of Correction; and prior to the opening of the House of Correction in 1879, they had been housed in quarters reserved for them at the Maryland Penitentiary.

Effective July 1, 1967, all persons sentenced by the courts in the State of Maryland are sentenced to the Division of Correction and must be admitted to a Reception-Diagnostic Classification Center for testing, evaluation, and assignment to one of the State's correctional institutions. In accordance with this new law, the Division of Correction has established a Reception-Diagnostic Classification Center at the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women—Jessup. This Center receives all adult females serving sentences ranging from three months through life imprisonment, who have been convicted of felonies and misdemeanors, and who are not sent to local jails. Upon the completion of these classification procedures in the Center, female inmates are transferred to the Maryland Correctional Institution proper to complete their sentences. Both the Reception Center for Women and the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women are located on the same ground.

Appropriations	1973	1974
General Funds	\$1,453,415	\$1,508,772
Special Funds	10,000	9,000
Totals	\$1,463,415	\$1,517,772
Staff: (General Funds Budget):	114.	
(State Use Industries Funds):	2.	

CORRECTIONAL CAMPS

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- Maryland Correctional Camp Center, Jessup, Anne Arundel County
- Eastern Correctional Camp, Church Hill, Queen Anne's County
- Poplar Hill Correctional Camp, Quantico, Wicomico County
- Community Vocational Rehabilitation and Release Center, Baltimore
- Southern Maryland Correctional Camp, Hughesville, Charles County
- Central Laundry Correction Camp, Sykesville, Carroll County

The Division of Correction operates six minimum security pre-release facilities, which provide work and other rehabilitative opportunities for the men transferred to these minimum security installations.

The Correctional Camps also house inmates who are participating in the Work Release Program.

Before assignment to a Correctional Camp, the inmates are carefully screened either at the Reception-Diagnostic and Classification Center or at the institutions to which they are assigned. These Camps were established by Chapter 266, Acts of 1955 (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 27, sec. 689f).